

2021 Physician Services Agreement – Core Components

- Three-year agreement (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024)
- Rate increases
 - 2021 = 1% one-time rate increase
 - 2022 = 2.01% one-time rate increase
 - 2023 = base rate increase comprised of two components
 - Specialty specific base rate adjustments – range from 0.51% to 3.34%
 - Gains sharing – difference between 2023/24 OHIP budget and actual costs
 - Impact not yet known, analysis to be completed in early 2024
 - Please refer to deck for additional details
- Hospital On-Call Coverage (HOCC) Program
 - New funding and moratorium lifted on new on-call groups
 - HOCC groups with <5 physicians to be funded at the rate of groups with 5 or more physicians where uninterrupted call is provided
- Alternate Payment Plans (APP)
 - New APPs for Genetics, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases and Hospitalists
 - Continued work on APP for Lab Medicine
 - Amendments to EDFAFA models and revisions to POWER study
 - According to the SEAMO AFP Agreement, our physicians will receive funding that reflects any province-wide alternative funding initiative provided the SEAMO physicians and circumstances fit within the parameters of the review or initiative
- Virtual Care Services – change to payments effective December 1, 2022
 - Comprehensive and limited virtual care services
 - Care provided by video – paid at same rate as in-person visit
 - Care provided by phone – paid at 85% of rate of in-person visit
 - Care provided by phone for certain mental health treatments – paid at 95%
- Primary care
 - Managed entry expanded by 480 physicians per year
 - Risk adjustment added to capitation rate
 - After hours coverage now linked to number of docs in the group
 - Recommendations regarding weekly face-to-face and virtual visits
 - Changes to mandatory group size (# of docs) and maximum roster size
 - Walk-in clinics required to communicate with patient’s primary care physician
- Other provisions
 - Change to claim submission deadline – 3 months from date of service (effective April 2023)
 - Improvements to Pregnancy and Parental Leave Benefits Program
 - Agreement to modernize Schedule of Benefits
 - Enhanced funding for Physician Health Benefits Program
 - CMPA reimbursement extended